

Heller (NV) Amendment #482—Rollcall #139—No
 Noem (SD) Amendment #563—Rollcall #140—No
 Pitts (PA) Amendment #430—Rollcall #141—No
 Carney (DE) Amendment #241—Rollcall #142—No
 Mulvaney (SC) Amendment #164—Rollcall #143—No

AUSTRALIA HELPS BUILD THE EDUCATION CENTER AT THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 4, 2011

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, this Monday morning the Prime Minister of Australia, the Honorable Julia Gillard, will be participating in a ceremony on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to present a \$3 million check from the government of the Commonwealth of Australia to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to help build the Education Center at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

On behalf of my constituents, I hereby extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Prime Minister Gillard and the Australian people. Throughout the twentieth century and into the twenty-first, Australia has been a reliable and close ally and partner to our nation. The decision by the Australian government to make such a generous contribution to build the Education Center is a vivid reminder of the close ties that bind our two countries.

The Vietnam War was a difficult time for both the United States and Australia. From 1962 to 1972, some 60,000 Australians served in Vietnam, during which time more than 500 Australians lost their lives and another 3,000 were wounded or otherwise injured. I am gratified that our close friend and ally, Australia, is joining Americans in helping to build the Education Center at the Wall.

Of the 185,700 Ohioans who served in Vietnam, the names of the 3,095 Ohioans who died during the war are etched on the Wall. For almost thirty years, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial has served as a powerful and moving tribute to their sacrifice and the sacrifice of the more than 58,000 Americans who perished in the Vietnam War. I cannot overstate the importance of telling the stories of bravery and dedication behind the names etched on the Wall. That is exactly what the Education Center at the Wall will do. Not only will the Education Center tell the story of the Vietnam War, but it will also serve as a fulcrum of education and learning about the courage and patriotism of all of America's service members throughout the ages.

I was so moved and gratified to learn of the Australian government's generous contribution to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. In a larger sense, Mr. Speaker, this is a gift from the Australian people to not just the Memorial Fund, but to all Americans.

Thank you, Prime Minister Gillard, and many thanks to the Australian people.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AMENDMENTS, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.J. Res. 44, a short-term continuing resolution (CR) for one simple reason. It continues the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Yesterday, nine Afghan children between the ages of nine and fifteen were killed by a NATO strike after being mistaken for insurgents. General Petraeus issued an apology and promised to investigate the killings. According to the New York Times, news of their deaths sparked anti-U.S. protests. They were killed in the Pech Valley, an area of Afghanistan once considered vital to U.S. military strategy, that the U.S. military will soon be withdrawing from after a realization that our presence was destabilizing the area. Our presence in Afghanistan is destabilizing the country as a whole, not just in the Pech Valley.

We can no longer ignore such incidents as just a part of the reality of war. It is time to end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan that have only undermined U.S. national and economic security.

HONORING CHIEF NICHOLE ARMSTRONG ANDERSON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 4, 2011

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Chief Nichole Armstrong Anderson. Veteran Deputy Anderson has been appointed as the first female African American police chief of the Broward County Sheriff's Office. For over 16 years, Officer Anderson has remained dedicated to public service and to keeping our community safe. In recognition of her outstanding service record she has been awarded numerous commendations for her job performance and her commitment to upholding and enforcing the law.

Officer Anderson was born on July 8, 1970, and graduated from Dillard High School with honors in June of 1988. She began her law enforcement career with the Florida Department of Corrections as a correctional probation officer in 1994. She was soon offered a position with the Florida Highway Patrol for the position of State trooper. Upon completing a challenging and rigorous six month training program in Tallahassee, FL, she was assigned to Troop C in Tampa, FL. After leaving the Florida Highway Patrol, she began with the Broward County Sheriff's Office and was assigned to road patrol. From there, she was promoted to the rank of sergeant on August 3, 2001, and was assigned to the Tamarac District. Her devotion to public service and commitment to keeping our community safe have led to several promotions.

Her exemplary professional record led Officer Anderson to the rank of lieutenant where she was assigned to the Pompano Beach District. She was later transferred to the position

of executive officer to the sheriff. After attending the prestigious Southern Police Institute 114th Administrative Officers Course in 2005, at the University of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky, she was assigned to the position of executive officer of the Pompano Beach District Area 2 Command. On November 20, 2010 her outstanding performance led to her selection as the interim chief of the South Broward District and, ultimately, on February 23, 2011, she was sworn in as the chief of the South Broward District.

Over the years she has developed a reputation within the law enforcement community as being diligently committed to her profession.

Officer Anderson is the wife of Frederick Anderson, Sr. and loving mother of Frederick, Jr. I proudly acknowledge her achievement as the first female African American police chief of the Broward County Sheriff's Department and appreciate her tireless work for this community.

TRIBUTE TO GERALDYNE INEZ PIERCE ZIMMERMAN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 4, 2011

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an educator, community leader, humanitarian and constituent on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Mrs. Geraldine Inez Pierce Zimmerman, is an institution at my alma mater, South Carolina State College (now University), a trailblazer in her hometown of Orangeburg, South Carolina, and she achieved the remarkable milestone of becoming a Centenarian on March 5, 2011.

Mrs. Zimmerman's character is described as being beautiful, caring, feisty, generous, humble, intelligent, kind, loving, sensitive, strong and witty. Her character has contributed to her success to make a significant impact on the lives of people in Orangeburg, South Carolina, the state of South Carolina and the United States of America.

Mrs. Zimmerman is the daughter of Hazel and James Pierce of 358 Treadwell Street, Orangeburg. She was born in her parents' home on March 5, 1911, and she still resides in the family home today.

Mrs. Zimmerman began her education at an early age by participating in a pre-school that her mother started in their home for the neighborhood children. When she was of school age, she attended the Claflin College's Grammar School in Orangeburg until the 8th Grade. She went on to attend the South Carolina State College's High School and graduated in 1928.

Education was extremely important to Mrs. Zimmerman despite the era in which she grew up and the limited opportunities available to African American women. After graduating from high school she attended Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. She received a BS Degree in Mathematics in March of 1932.

Mrs. Zimmerman sought to share her love of learning and began her career as an educator in 1932 at Felton Academy back at South Carolina State College. In 1935, she took a job at Jefferson High School in York, South Carolina. Just three years later, she went home to Orangeburg to work as a substitute teacher and piano instructor.